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THE STUDY OF A CAVE IN LIMESTONE

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(Professor Atwood's chalk illustrations are reproduced by moving pictures)

Chalk illustration: Mountains and narrow valley between shown in perspective in the center of a cross section of the same, showing the strata of limestone.

### Water passing through cracks dissolves away some of the rock

Chalk illustration resumed: "Cracks" in the earth, "Rain" and the seepage of the rain thru the cracks to the limestone below the surface are shown.

#### In time underground tunnels and large rooms are made

Chalk illustration resumed: Two "caves" are shown formed in the limestone

The drops of water that come through the ceiling may evaporate and leave tiny bits of crystal lime clinging there. More and More is added until an icicle-like form is made

> Chalk illustration resumed: the Position of "Stalactites" the icicle-like formations - is shown

Water that drops to the floor may evaporate and build up stalagmites of crystal lime

Chalk illustration resumed: "Stalagmite" positions drawn in

The rooms in caves are sometimes very large, and often have rivers or even lakes in them

> Chalk illustration: vertical cross section of room in cave drawn, showing irregular side walls

#### In these rooms beautiful crystal forms are made by dripping water

Chalk illustration, cross section of cave room, resumed. Crystal stalactite and stalagmite formations drawn in, come of them shown touching so as to form a column. Within this cross section as within a picture frame, a perspective of the floor surface of the room is shown and the course of the river bed drawn.

Caves may be close to the surface, or perhaps hundreds of feet underground. If ceiling is thin, it may become weakened and collapse

Latter chalk illustration resumed: the "ceiling" made thicker

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